

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY,  
INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING  
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2006.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by President Jeff Gahan at 7:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Price, , Mrs. Crump, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Messer, Mr. Seabrook, and President Jeff Gahan. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Kochert were not present.

**OTHERS:** Council Attorney Jerry Ulrich and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**ALSO:** John Rosenbarger, Adam Dickey, Scott Wood, Planning and Zoning, Brian Dixon, EMC, Paul Wheatley, Economic Development Director, and Mayor James E. Garner, Sr.

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Coffey moved to approve the October 2, 2006 minutes Mrs. Crump second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**James Wiggins** addressed the council regarding the take home cars for the police department. He stated that he understands that the police officers are now paying \$10.00 per month for gas but that doesn't cover the maintenance. He stated that the police and fire pay are too high and he doesn't agree with the individuals receiving a pension getting a raise every time the employees do. He then stated that the salaries and pensions needed to be made readily available to the public.

**Mary Beth Adams-Wolf**, Floyd County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition presented each member with information regarding the health consequences of smoking and asked that the council consider a committee to investigate a smoking ban within the city. Said packet is on file with the City Clerk's office.

**COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mrs. Crump** reported that she and Mr. Seabrook recently attended a presentation of \$500,000 to the IUS Library with the Caesar's Foundation and that they will soon be reviewing grant applications for the spring.

**Chief Toran** addressed the council stated that he has asked members from Yellow Ambulance and Susanne the dispatcher supervisor here to answer any questions.

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_**, Yellow Ambulance, explained the contract between the City and Yellow Ambulance

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ambulance service.**

**Mr. Gahan** set a committee of Mrs. Crump, chair, Mr. Messer and Mr. Seabrook to work on A-06-13.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he felt two of the members represented one of the strongest unions and he does not know if they can be unbiased.

**Mr. Gahan** appointed Mr. Coffey to the committee.

**Discussion about ambulance service resumed and Mr. Gahan asked that they take it up with the committee that was just appointed**

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_** stated that he has offered his support to the Chief to help the City and defended Yellow Ambulance against accusations that they are an inferior ambulance service.

**Mr. Price** asked if it was true that the Storm Water Board is hiring an attorney and where the money will come from to do so.

**Mayor Garner** explained that they were hiring an attorney and he is going to work with them to get the budget together.

**Mr. Price** asked if the Storm Water board had the ability to hire anyone else without Council approval.

**Mayor Garner** explained that they could only hire an attorney or someone like EMC could be recommended.

**Mr. Price** asked if the appropriations for budgeting would come to them

**Mayor Garner** stated that as soon as they have an idea of what the revenues are going to be for the Storm Water Board they will be getting the numbers to the Council.

**Mr. Price** asked if there were plans to do paving.

**Mayor Garner** reported that they have a list of the worst streets and they will prioritize those and only fix what they have in the budget.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if the Storm Water Board were hiring consultants.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they have heard proposal for a company to manage storm water for \$100,000-\$102,000 but that they are aware of the financial situation of the utilities and that he doesn't expect them to be doing anything with the proposal. He stated that the company was company and had jumped the gun in giving them the proposal.

**Mr. Coffey** asked where we stand on Country Club Drive.

**Mayor Garner** stated that the contract was approved the previous day for \$260,000.

**COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mayor Garner** corrected Mr. Wiggins and stated that the Chief's round trip is 24 miles and he pays for all his gas to set the example.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Mr. Gahan** stated that the Board of Works has nominated **Rick Kimes** to be a member of the Building Commission and that they needed to vote on this nomination. All voted in favor by show of hands.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**READING**

R-06-36	Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Hitachi Cable Indiana, Inc., By the Common Council of the City of New Albany	Messer
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**Mr. Messer** introduced **R-06-36** and motioned for the reading by title only, **Mr. Coffey** second,

**Mr. Wheatley** explained that Hitachi plans on expanding their production lines and they will be hiring 100 new employees and the average wage is \$35,000 a year. He explained that Lee Supply is hiring 6 new employees their average wage is \$43,000

**There was a discussion about tax abatements and what affect they had on businesses in New Albany. All voted in favor by show of hands.**

R-06-37	Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Lee Supply Corporation by the Common Council of the City of New Albany	Crump
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**Mrs. Crump introduced R-06-37 and motioned for the reading by title only, Mr. Price second, all voted in favor by show of hands.**

R-06-38	Resolution Describing Indiana University Southeast Outdoor Athletic Tennis Courts and Tourism Signs for the City of New Albany and Requesting Funds from the Clark-Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism Bureau	Coffey
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**Mr. Coffey introduced R-06-38 and motioned for the reading by title only, Mr. Messer second.**

**There was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not the city would have to spend any money for this resolution.**

**Mayor Garner** explained that the money would not come from the City.

**All voted in favor by show of hands.**

A-06-14	Additional Appropriation (LRS Fund)	Blevins 1
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**Mr. Blevins introduced A-06-14 and motioned for the first reading by title only, Mr. Price second. All present voted in favor.**

A-06-15	Additional Appropriation (Riverboat Fund)	Price 1
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**Mr. Price introduced A-06-15 and motioned for the first reading by title only, Mr. Coffey second. All present voted in favor.**

A-06-16	Additional Appropriation (Parks N-R fund)	Coffey 1
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**Mr. Coffey introduced A-06-16 and motioned for the first reading by title only, Mr. Messer second. All present voted in favor.**

A-06-17	Additional Appropriation (Ambulance N-R Fund)	Seabrook 1
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**Mr. Seabrook introduced A-06-17 and motioned for the first reading by title only, Mr. Crump second. All present voted in favor.**

A-06-18	Additional Appropriation (Veterinary N-R Fund)	Messer 1
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**Mr. Messer introduced A-06-18 and motioned for the first reading by title only, Mr. Coffey second. All present voted in favor.**

G-06-18      An Ordinance Authorizing the Payments of Sanitary      Kochert 1  
Sewer Project Construction Claims From Economic  
Development Income Tax (“EDIT”) Funds

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the fact that this needs to be published and a public hearing held prior to this being passed. They also discussed whether or not this amount even needs to be appropriated.**

**Mr. Seabrook introduced G-06-18 and motioned for the first reading by title only, Mr. Coffey second. This bill died by a unanimous nay vote from the Council.**

A-06-12      An Ordinance Setting Longevity for Non-Union      Coffey 3  
Employees of the City of New Albany, Indiana

**Mr. Coffey introduced A-06-12 and motioned for the third reading by title only, Mr. Price second.**

**Mr. Messer** asked why the union clause even needs to be in there when they can negotiate anything they want. He feels that the council is over stepping their boundaries by enabling the unions to have a say and essentially dictating to the Mayor what kind of agreements he will have.

**Mayor Garner** explained that non-union pay comes from the council as well as union pay with the difference being that the union salary is first negotiated and signed-off on.

**Mr. Coffey** felt that we needed to get the unions off of the percentage and onto a flat rate because the percentages are killing the city’s budget.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not longevity is what is best for the non-union employees and whether or not the language should be included for the unions. There was also a lengthy discussion regarding the salaries of the third floor employees and the possibility of evaluating the salaries of these employees and bringing them up to date.**

**Mr. Seabrook** said that he has received three phone calls from city employees that do not want the longevity because they are afraid that longevity will affect salary increases in the future.

**Council members had a heated discussion about previous attempts to discuss the increase in salaries for the non-union employees of the city.**

**Mr. Coffey withdrew his motion and tabled this item until the next meeting.**

**Mr. Price withdrew his second.**

**Mr. Gahan** asked council members to look at tabled ordinances to see if there was anything that needed to be pulled.

**The first council meeting in November was rescheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Jeff Gahan, President  
Common Council, City of New Albany

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marcey Wisman, City Clerk